

## A traditional Buffalo sticks to his roots in Hugo

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HUGO — Class of 1951's Rolin McGuire has been involved with the community a great deal since his graduation. He's been a member of the Booster Club since the mid '60s, back then it was known as the Quarterback Club.

When asked about his high school years McGuire said, "Pep rallies were a favorite because they were downtown." He also remembers being a starting guard his junior year in both football and basketball. McGuire's two favorite coaches were basketball Coach Doug Frederick and football Coach Simon Parker. Back then, Hugo only had two coaches, one would coach a sport and the other would be assistant coach and vice versa.

McGuire and other past graduates are known for helping put the buffalo statue up in front of the high school. Roy and Betty Lyles, Johnny Wall and Ralph Jenner were all involved. The classes of 1947-1951 paid for the project, costing them around \$3500. After being purchased, Wylie Jenks painted the buffalo for free. McGuire brought his tractor and did the site work. They unloaded the heavy buffalo off the truck and hoisted it onto the slab. It was then drilled into the cement and remains a proud icon for the school and community.

When asked about a new school, McGuire said, "We definitely need a new high school with an auditorium that's open to the public. I hope this happens sometime soon."

McGuire believes the citizens of Hugo should not have to leave to look for a job. Citizens should establish more jobs for the town so people won't leave. McGuire serves on the Industrial Authority and Zoning and Planning Board. It is his goal to help bring more jobs to Hugo and keep the city clean and attractive.

Rolin McGuire is one of the many alumni of Hugo High that take pride in being a Buffalo.

McGuire's advice to Hugo students was, "When you get out of school it's never the same. You have to join the workforce for the rest of your life, try to enjoy your high school years."